



TERMS OF REFERENCE – LOW VISION WORK GROUP

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OBJECTIVE OF THE LOW VISION WORK GROUP

To provide leadership for IAPB¹ Members and other stakeholders on priority matters relating to Low Vision.

BACKGROUND

The IAPB Low Vision work group (LVWG) was very effective in the past and played a major role in setting standards for better low vision practice and raising awareness of this often neglected area. It has been dormant though for some years and it is felt by a number of Low Vision practitioners that it would be helpful to now re-convene the work group with a new agenda of activities.

Globally estimates suggest some 85million people would benefit from, but are unable to access, low vision services.

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The IAPB LVWG group will provide leadership on priority matters relating to LV for IAPB Members and other stakeholders. In particular it will:

- Support the development of new programs, strengthening and upgrading of existing low vision programs by disseminating information on effective programs
- Train, mentor and build capacities of Focal Persons in Low Vision, particularly at national level (NFPs)
- Act as advisory group for training courses for NFPs
- Develop and pilot a Low Vision Reporting System and database for top line program and country data
- Communicate regional progress updates on low vision programs
- Consolidate and upgrade the Low Vision Resource Centre inventory
- Develop and test a Rapid Assessment of Low Vision (RALV) epidemiological tool
- Advocacy for inclusion of basic low vision training (for awareness etc) to encourage referrals of people with low vision
- Complete work and continue to revise Low Vision curricula for different cadres of eye worker
- Collaborate with WHO Collaborating Centre in Italy on standards for low vision services
- Maintain and update the low vision section on the IAPB website

¹ IAPB is used here, and throughout the document, as defined in the new IAPB Strategic Plan i.e. it refers to the totality of the alliance of members when working together, acting with the support of the staff they employ.



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